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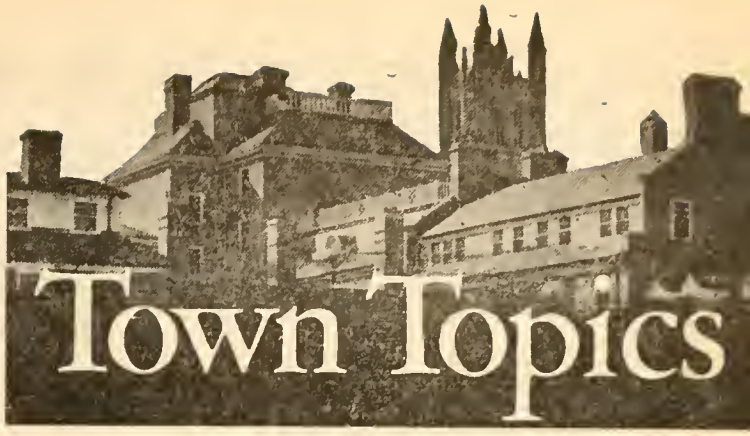

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The activities of this tireless 43-year old Midwesterner are indicative of the threefold objectives of the Institute-Foundation. A day in Washington—considering the pioneering Joint Research Project on Wool that will affect wool-growers from Australia to Texas—will be followed by a session here devoted to the award of research fellowships, for the Institute, in cooperation with Princeton University, is training men for the future. A week later he may be in New Hampshire, in the West, or in North Carolina, attending one of the series of regional conferences sponsored by the Institute so that there may be a "free exchange of ideas between men in the field" and dissemination of research data.

A native of Ripon, Wisconsin, where the Republican Party staged its first meeting in 1854, Dillon combined honors in physics and mathematics with tennis and debating at Ripon College and completed his advanced studies at the University of Wisconsin. He joined forces with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in 1931, becoming head of its physics research group in 1937. During World War II, like his fellow scientists in the "rubber mines," he struggled with the creation of lasting synthetics and was the "practical rubber man" for the Manhattan Project.

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A Look at the Future. In the not too distant future, it will be quite a feat to build a house in the Borough of Princeton. The faculty housing project near Palmer Stadium may well be the last large scale development of its kind in the municipality. Unimproved property exists here & there; some ancient structures will be replaced with newer dwellings, but in effect, the Borough is approaching its saturation point insofar as growth is concerned.

Exactly the opposite situation exists in the Township, whose residents like to refer to their fair land as the doughnut around the hole that is the Borough. Thousands of undeveloped acres await only prospective purchasers and, in some cases, lower building costs. Growth of the municipality is proceeding at a much faster pace than had been anticipated a few years ago, primarily because the community is expanding rapidly and the Township alone can absorb the bulk of the influx of new Princetonians.

What effect would such a trend have on the question of consolidation of the two municipalities? TOWN TOPICS asked the question this week and got a surprising answer: in three to five years' time, the expanding population of the Township may send its cost of government high enough so that Borough residents will be vehemently opposing any move to combine the two units.

Our informant, who understandably

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requested anonymity, spoke with authority because his profession is directly allied with the process of constantly surveying such problems. He knows his field and he knows Princeton.

"Had the $750,000 school bond issue been approved in the Township in June," he pointed out, "its tax rate would have moved well above the Borough's the day the proposal took effect. The fact that it was rejected hasn't solved the Township's school problem; whatever the answer, it will still cost more money to educate the ever-growing number of children there."

Other problems will grow with the steady influx of new residents. Today, the municipality has an efficient five-man police department, which has much more square mileage to cover than the Borough force of 15. When the population of the Township moves nearer

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A larger share of operating and maintainence costs for the sewage disposal and incinerator plants (owned jointly by the two municipalities and the University) is inevitable for Townshippers. Other governmental costs would mount in kind; with them, of course, would come steadily increasing

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Saturday, August 7th

8:30 p.m.: Gertrude Stein's "Yes Is for a Very Young Man," University Players; Murray Theater.

Sunday, August 8th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

11:00 a.m.: "The Living Word," the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Fritsch; Union Service, First and Second Presbyterian Churches; First Church.

Sermon, The Rev. Dr. Theodore H. McCrea, priest-in-charge; Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sermon, The Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.

"Spirit," lesson-sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

3:30 p.m.: Friends' worship service; Stony Brook Meeting House.

8:00 p.m.: "Youth for the Kingdom," religious motion picture; sermon by Rev. Milton J. Nauss, Princeton Lutheran Church; Westminster College Chapel.

8:15 p.m.: Worship service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, August 9th

6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball; Belle Mead vs. Princeton; Brokaw Field.

8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Township Committee; Township Hall.

8:40 p.m.: Opening performance, "Kind Lady," starring Sylvia Sidney, McCarter Theater.

Tuesday, August 10th

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

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On an Island With You (Sun. thru Wed.) is another musical which leans heavily on the theory that hot weather entertainment can be very superficial. Esther Williams swims rather infrequently, the rhumba tempo is monotonous and the story (about film stars shooting a picture on a Pacific isle) is no wetter than the nearby waves.

Lady from Shanghai (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is an Orson Welles thriller in which he stars ex-wife Rita Hayworth in a murder mystery set aboard a yacht. Despite multiple detail and uneven pacing, frequent chills and suspense give the film a plus.

The Garden

Lulu Belle (Fri., Sat.) is a dull, spiceless version of a 1926 play in which a calculating floozy leaves a trail of broken hearts and broken men behind her. Dorothy Lamour in the title role.

Fighting Father Dunne (Mon., Tues., Wed.) casts Pat O'Brien as a Catholic priest who starts a home for tough young newsboys in St. Louis about 1900. Good when the pathos isn't obvious.

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rateables but it is not anticipated that they could keep pace with ever higher costs. One reason, to be supported, not condemned: the existing policy (in both municipalities) of assessing property at a figure well below market value, thus encouraging a steady trend toward home ownership.

Lending added interest to the prediction is the fact that the survey on consolidation of Borough and Township school districts is reported to reveal facts and figures preponderantly beneficial to the latter. Specific data is expected next month.

The suggestion was made to us, as a conclusion, that the Township had within its grasp an opportunity to conclude a transaction (i.e., consolidation)

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that would soon prove to be one of the soundest possible moves, politically and economically speaking. Whether its residents and officials were ready for any such thoughts was an entirely different question. With many, loss of autonomy would be the strongest argument; if it could ever be conclusively proved that the Township would realize sizeable savings, it would be the only one.

The Borough, too, was faced with a problem, particularly if consolidation now would be beneficial, whereas such a move early in the next decade would mean a prompt boost in the tax rate. Only a sound fact-finding campaign, underwritten by a small amount of money that a great deal might some day be saved, could let the people know where they stand.

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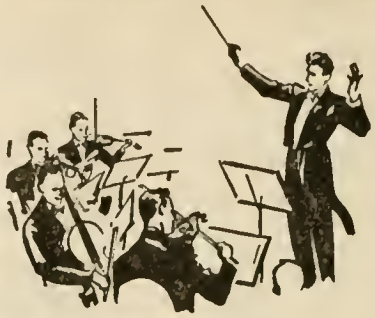

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